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I believe that Apple Computer is correct when it opposes Microsoft's proposed settlement with the United States government. To allow Microsoft to give free copies of its software to schools will only further entrench its position as an abusive monopolist. How can Apple, Sun, or other competitors hope to compete when Microsoft is giving its software away for "free" in the name of justice? A far better solution would be to force MS to pay cash (many billions) to schools, which the schools would use as they see fit. If they don't want to buy Microsoft products, then so be it. That is the free market that Microsoft appears to loathe.

Microsoft is a predatory monopoly that is anti-competitive and stifles innovation and technological development. To allow them to get away with a mere slap on the wrist would be a travesty.

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